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DIST 1 SEPTEMBER 1969

COUNTRY: LIBYA

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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN LIBYA AS OF 0830 HOURS 1 SEPTEMBER 1969

1. ARMY GROUP WHICH IS ATTEMPTING SEIZE POWER IN TRIPOLI ON MORNING 1 SEPTEMBER 1969 HAS CALLED ITSELF IN PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE THE "COMMITTEE OF SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE REVOLUTION." COLONEL SA'D AL-DIN ABU SHUWAYRIB NAMED AS CHIEF.

2. [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] THAT ABU SHUWAYRIB HAD RETIRED FROM ARMY SOME TIME AGO AND BECAME A NOTARY. THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ASKED HIM TO RETURN TO HEAD THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

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3. AS OF 0700 HOURS ON 1 SEPTEMBER, [REDACTED]
LEADING LONG-TIME OPPONENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, CLAIMED IGNORANCE
OF TODAY'S COUP BEYOND INFORMATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE. SAID HIS
UNCLE HAD TELEPHONED EARLIER TO WARN HIM TROOPS TAKING OVER CITY.

4. RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED CURFEW STARTING AT 0800 HOURS. ALL
MOVEMENTS PROHIBITED. AIRPORT AND PORTS CLOSED. NO ENTRY AND
EXIT FROM LIBYA PERMITTED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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